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SUBJECT: PPP ANNOUNCES "CRITICAL SUPPORT" OF PNC GOVERNMENT

1. SUMMARY: OPPOSITION MOSCOW-LINE PPP OFFERS LIMITED SUPPORT TO PNC FOR ACTIONS AND POLICIES PROMOTING GUYANA'S TRANSFORMATION INTO MARXIST-LENINIST SOCIETY. PPP LEADER JGAN ADMITS GUYANA HAS POSSIBILITIES OF BECOMING SECOND CUBA. NO DECISION YET ON PPP-RE-ENTERING PARLIAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWINGON MOSCOW-LINE COMMUNIST PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (AIRGRAM FOLLOWS), GENERAL SECRETARY CHEDDI JAGAN ANNOUNCED AUGUST 9 THAT PPP WOULD HENCEFORTH GIVE RULING PEOPLES NATIONAL CONGRESS QUOTE CRITICAL SUPPORT UNQUOTE RATHER THAN CONTINUING ITS PRESENT POLICY OF COMPLETE NON-COOPERATION AND OPPOSITINNFM JAGAN DISMISSED WIDE SPECULATION THAT PPP WOULD ANNOUNCE END OF ITS BOYCOTT OF PARLIAMENT BY STATING THAT MATTER HAD NOT BEEN CONSIDERED AT CONFERENCE.

3. JAGAN RATIONALIZED PPP DECISION TO GIVE LIMITED SUPPORT TO PNC GOVT BY ADMITTING THAT PNC HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF SOCIALISTIC UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC STEPS SUCH AS NATIONALIZATION OF REYNOLDS

AND JESSEL'S HOLDINGS AND RECENT INTERNATIONAL MOVES OPPOSING U.S. AND SUPPORTING ANTI-IMPERIALISTS. AT ONE POINT JAGAN INDICATED QUOTE GUYANA HAS THE POSSIBILITIES OF BECOMING A SECOND CUBA UNQUOTE, THEREBY SEEMINGLY AGREEING WITH BURNHAM'S ASSERTION EARLY THIS YEAR THAT GUYANA WOULD BECOME QUOTE THE FIRST SOCIALIST STATE IN SOUTH AMERICA UNQUOTE (SEE GEORGETOWN 345).

4. JAGAN CLAIMED THAT THERE ARE FEW SOCIALISTS IN PNC, HOWEVER, AND DESCRIBED NEW ROLE OF PPP AS VANGUARD WHICH WILL SUPPORT PROGRESSIVE MOVES TOWARD SOCIALISM WHILE OPPOSING OTHER TENDENCIES. SUCH VANGUARD IS NECESSARY, ACCORDING TO JAGAN, BECAUSE QUOTE PNC WILL ONLY MOVE UNDER PRESSURE TO A POSITION OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND SOCIALISM END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: PPP HAS RIGHT TO TAKE UP ITS 14 SEATS IN PARLIAMENT, WON IN 1973 ELECTION BUT NEVER OCCUPIED AT ANY TIME. PRESENT OPPOSITION LEADER FEILDEN SINGH OF MODERATE UNITED FORCE HAS PUBLICLY OFFERED TO TURN OVER CONSTITUTIONAL POST OF LEADER OF OPPOSITION TO JAGAN IN THAT EVENT. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE BELIEF LOCALLY, REFLECTED IN GOG-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS, THAT PPP MADE PRESENT SHIFT AS RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM CUBA AND SOVIET UNION, ALONG WITH EVIDENCE ITS POLICY OF BOYCOTT WAS WEAKENING PARTY WHILE ALLOWING PNC TO PRE-EMPT FIELD BY LEADING GUYANA'S MOVEMENT TOWARD LENINISM AND SOLIDIFYING POSITION OF PARTY SUPERIORITY OVER GOVT. UNLESS BURNHAM CATEGORICALLY REJECTS PPP MOVE, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT NEXT STEP WILL INVOLVE PPP TAKING UP ITS SEATS IN PARLIAMENT, WHICH WOULD ALSO HELP PPP FINANCES. THUS FAR, PNC HAS LABELLED PPP'S PUBLIC RATIONALE OF PUSHING PNC TOWARD SOCIALISM AS QUOTE PATHETIC UNQUOTE, BUT HAS NOT TAKEN ANY STEP SEEMINGLY DESIGNED TO DISCOURAGE PPP'S RE-ENTRY INTO PARLIAMENT. KREBS

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